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SUBJECT: AMIN VISITS KENYA

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1. UGANDA'S PRESIDENT IDI AMIN, ON HIS WAY HOME FROM MOGADISCIO, STOPPED OFF IN KENYA JULY 8-9 FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT KENYATTA IN NAKURU. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS, THE TWO LEADERS DISCUSSED MATTERS CONCERNING THEIR TWO COUNTRIES, THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AND OAU AFFAIRS. IN A SUBSEQUENT PRESS INTERVIEW ADMIN DISMISSED AS QTE MERE FABRICATIONS UNQTE REPORTS OF ALLEGED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN KENYA AND UGANDA AND SAID THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD INTENSIFY THEIR COOPERATION IN SPORTS AND CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC EXCHANGES. HE ALSO AGREED TO LIFT HIS BAN ON THE SALE OF KENYAN NEWSPAPERS IN UGANDA SAYING QTE I DON'T MIND CRITICISM BY MY NEIGHBORS PROVIDED THEY ARE CONSTRUCTIVE AND REASONABLE UNQTE.

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2. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO MOD PERM SEC KIEREINI, WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE NAKURU TALKS, AMIN WAS THE PERSONI-FICATION OF REASONABLENESS WHEN HE WAS WITH KENYATTA, AGREEING WITH ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING HE RAISED. THE KENYANS, HAVING BEEN INFURIATED BY AMIN'S RECENT ACCU-

SATION THAT THEY WERE HARBORING BRITISH TROOPS AND CONCERNED BY SOVIET NAVY ARMS SHIPMENTS THAT PASSED THROUGH KENYA ON THEIR WAY TO UGANDA, APPEAR TO HAVE HAD THEIR CONFIDENCE IN KENYATTA'S ABILITY TO HANDLE AMIN RESTORED. AMIN, IN HIS TURN, APPEARS TO HAVE WON ASSURANCES OF KENYA'S SUPPORT FOR HIS ELECTION AS OAU CHAIRMAN, FOR KIEREINI, WHEN ASKED ABOUT THIS, MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE EXPECTED AMIN TO BE ELECTED. LINDSTROM

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